



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department (LPD), Lancaster County Sheriff's Department (LSO), University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department (UNL-PD), Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On May 19, 2010, members of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Drug Task Force, (includes LPD, LSO, UNL-PD, NSP, DEA, and FBI), assisted by officers of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE), executed federal search warrants at four Lincoln residences and at three garages in two Lincoln apartment complexes. Search warrants were served at 5633 South 31st Street, Apartment #10 and garage #46; 5227 West Benton Street; 4007 North 7th Street; 720 South 19th Street, Apartment #10; and garages #'s 29 and 31 at 231 Adams Street, all in Lincoln.

As a result of the operation Jesus Alfredo Ortiz Menchaca was arrested on state charges of delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Ricardo Solis was arrested on a state charge of possession of a controlled substance. As part of this operation, three other persons were taken into BICE custody for possible violations of immigration laws. This investigation is continuing.

Name of Defendant: Jesus Alfredo Ortiz Menchaca

AKA:

Age: 27

City of residence: Lincoln

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: 5633 South 31st Street, Apartment #10 and garage #46

Location of Arrest: 5633 South 31st Street, Apartment #10

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: in excess of one pound of suspected methamphetamine

Name of Defendant: Ricardo Solis

AKA:

Age: 38

City of residence: Lincoln

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: 720 South 19th Street, Apartment #10

Location of Arrest: 720 South 19th Street, Apartment #10

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: small amount of suspected methamphetamine

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